

# Point Three



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Toc H seeks to create friendship and understanding among people of all backgrounds and beliefs. Local group activities range from holidays for the handicapped and children's playschemes to arts festivals and even bird watching. Toc H is short for Talbot House — the soldiers' club in Belgium founded by the Reverend 'Tubby' Clayton in 1915. Today Toc H provides opportunities for people to test the relevance of practical Christianity and we welcome anyone who would like to give us a try.

Members accept a four fold commitment:

1. To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others.
4. To work for the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points — to think fairly.

# Personal View

I want to return to a theme I have touched on before — asking how we see this Movement of ours and questioning what commitment we accept when we become members. In the upheavals of the past year, it has become plain that some of us see Toc H in very different ways. Much of the debate has centred on finance. But finance is not really what the debate is about — or rather, it is only a symbol of what we are trying to discuss. We're arguing about what each of us sees as our commitment to Toc H and how strong that commitment is.

The two ways of looking at Toc H are both right: they complement each other. We are a national — indeed an international — Movement, aiming to preserve and to pass on the spirit of practical Christianity. Two years ago, we tried — not very successfully — to spell out this central purpose in 'The Way Forward'. In that paper we spoke of the way of Jesus as one of openness to all; of love of neighbour and especially of the 'outsider' in our midst; of seeing the importance of the spiritual and the dignity of each human person. This is what Toc H has always been about and it is needed more than ever in today's greedy, selfish, materialist world. But we have always understood, too, that this faith must be lived out by each one of us in home and work place, among our neighbours, where we are. Toc H is personal and local: it always has been. But it is much more, since we have always seen ourselves and our Groups and Branches as part of a wider family in which we all share responsibility for each other and for the direction in which the whole family is moving.

With all paradoxes, it is very easy to exaggerate one element at the expense of the other: and whichever extreme we adopt is a distortion.

Let us consider what can follow when we over emphasise the view that all Toc H is local — that nothing matters but my Branch or Group or Mark or job. These will live on for a while as some 800 random groupings plus a few scattered field staff, all 'doing their own thing'. There will be no shared purpose. We will gradually forget why the Branch started, what the Movement is about, why we should continue. As time goes on, we shall find ourselves fumbling at jobs that are out of date or better done by others. As our Branches — cut off from the trunk — wither, we shall find the jobs too difficult; then we will raise funds for others instead of doing things ourselves; finally we shall be desperately worried about the survival of the aging and shrinking Branch itself.

If we exaggerate the other element, we can find ourselves worshipping the structure, fighting to preserve an organisation, a set of buildings, a collection of ceremonies, while forgetting some of the very things that matter — individual members, the work they do, the spirit in which they do it, the gradually widening influence they can have on the people around them.

The paradox seen as a whole shows Toc H as an extended family in which each of us has a role, where we are, with our friends, among our neighbours. The bond that holds us together is a shared faith, a common purpose. It is not an irrational tie that blinds us to faults in ourselves or each other nor a sentimental longing to hang on to all we have for ever. Indeed it recognises that growing up may mean moving out of the immediate family circle while retaining the family links of trust and love.

When we talk at Council about the need for more membership giving, what we are saying is this. The Movement needs a centre and a nerve structure of communications if it is not to break up: that costs money. Toc H has a national responsibility to move forward in its thinking in order to keep up with the shifting frontiers of a rapidly changing world: that means some full time staff and costs money. If our commitment is to the whole family as well as to our Branch, we should show it in our giving. None of us should fudge this any longer: we should know where we stand. To me it seems vital that Toc H is not about head counts, or building up central or local power structures, or fighting to retain buildings we have always had or jobs we have always done. It is about seizing every opportunity to extend the influence of the Holy Spirit among men and women in an increasingly materialist world. Our business is 'to go through the world turning its water into wine'. Either we do this together with conviction — which includes meeting the necessary cost — or we stop pretending and crawl right back into our little separate shells.

What do you think?

## Cover Picture

Mrs Anne Evans ministers to an old age pensioner in Soweto. See story in 'Wider Family' in this issue.



# The Wider Family

by Keith Rea — Toc H International Secretary

The Editor has suggested in his usual forceful way that I should, for a while at least, provide a lead into the 'Wider Family' page, so here goes.

A most depressing cry from the readers is the one that goes something like this: 'Because there is so little in the magazine about our neck of the woods we are thinking of giving up Point Three'.

In a single sentence, this exemplifies the problem of a Toc H which pretends to be a world wide Movement, but behaves in a quite contrary and parochial way. Alas, it is no different on some of our overseas units but nevertheless I get the impression that Toc H International is more aware that we could become a Movement providing friendship of a depth which would overcome political, racial and religious barriers.

Because I personally hold this view, I welcome the news that the Chairman of Toc H Southern Africa, Dion Roder, is to be a guest at this year's Central Council. Or have I got it wrong and will the anti-apartheid lobby tell me that Toc H should indulge in ostracism?

## Southern Africa

Our cover photograph and the following article from 'The Compass' — the journal of Toc H S Africa — reminds us that the influence of Don McKenzie lives on:

*'A new name a new project in the Transvaal.'*

*'Paballo ya Batsofe is a ministry to the old age pensioners in Soweto, inspired by Mrs Anne Evans, wife of Canon 'Bill' Evans, who will both be remembered by older members of Toc H as pioneers with Don McKenzie at Botha's Hill.'*

*'By a coincidence that is typical of Toc H in the Transvaal, Mike Assad, a paraplegic, and a member with Anne Evans of an ecumenical prayer group 'The Family of God', saw a similarity between the group's vision of Paballo ya Batsofe and the Toc H 'Feed the Pensioners' effort referred to in the December 1981 Compass.'*

*'A link up with Anne Evans was established by Toc H, and the project is now well under way towards its target of initially providing a morning meal for more than 20,000 pensioners awaiting their bi-monthly pensions at the 11 pension payout points, one of which has been accepted by Toc H as its responsibility. The Paballo vision,*

*however, extends far beyond this initial development and will in due course seek to cater extensively for the old folks in Soweto in a wide field of social service.'*

*Thandi Chaane and members of Toc H Boitumelo Branch are organising local support for the project in co-operation with the Salvation Army and the various churches active in Soweto, and Ken Sansbury is representing Toc H on the co-ordinating committee.'*

## India

Cautious optimism about the future Health Clinic at Pannikampatti is the feature of a letter from G D Herbert who has been appointed liaison officer for the project by Toc H India. The nearby Tiruchy Branch are meeting regularly again and it is hoped to bore for water through the rock shortly on the Health Clinic site. On the dark side, Doctor Vasan, who has done such wonderful work for many years, has been forced by failing health, to retire to Madras, he being over 70 years of age. With sadness we also hear of the early death of Doctor Mrs Stephen who has done so much to improve the health care at Pannikampatti.

## Australia

Plenty of news from Queensland! Roy Nieper writes about the project programme of Bribie Island where the Centre, Congeau House, provides the focal point for lots of work. Brisbane members made the journey of 70 miles to carry out 'Working Bees'. The House has provided accommodation for families in distress and is used by many organisations including Rotoract, Cubs, Brownies, Red Cross and 'Art Crafty'.

Two 'Poms' (Bill Brown and Freddy Mills) are doing great work in Western Australia based on the traditional Toc H Australian job of installing and monitoring 'flashing lights'. Many members of other organisations help Toc H and this is a great strength.

We are sorry to hear that Toc H New South Wales has closed down as an Area. We hope the members manage to keep in touch, possibly through the stalwart work of Tony Reade and Leila Altschweiger at Headquarters in Adelaide.

## Winant and Clayton Volunteers 1982

The year was marked by a much closer Toc H involvement with sponsorship of Claytons and setting assignments for Winants. It is my opinion that the scheme's association with us in future years depends very much on the

involvement increasing: therefore, now is the time to think about sponsoring a Clayton Volunteer for 1983.

It was good to hear from Claytons Les Jones and Peter Kay, both supported by Toc H, about how well things are going in the States. Peter's letter is worth quoting: 'Well you said that this would be the experience of a lifetime and it certainly is. Fountain House is an astonishing place as are the people involved in it. The atmosphere is electrified with love and caring. Whether this is the result of a dedicated staff or the members caring for each other or possibly a combination, I do not know. Since arriving I have had nothing but a feeling of belonging, in fact being part of a family. I find it interesting that the people here often remind me of the friends I have made in Toc H.'

(Note: Fountain House is a centre of rehabilitation for the mentally handicapped on the lower west side of New York; those being helped are all known as 'members'.)

## Talbot House, Poperinge

Donations continue to come in to the Endowment Fund but in Poperinge Charles and Ivy Swan have challenged our Belgian friends to get the house in tip top order for its 70th Toc H birthday in 1985. There is already money in the bank and a concert of music and ballet is planned for 6 November. (For those not going to Central Council, why not take a winter break and go over to Pop?)

## Wider Family Diamond Jubilee?

The birth of much Toc H abroad took place around 1925 when Tubby, Peter Monie and Pat Leonard undertook their great foundation tours. Perhaps in 1985 Toc H will be celebrating the birth of the Wider Family, so it is not too early to start planning.

## Much in little

Good to hear that the Buenos Aires Women's Branch carried on as usual undeterred by the hostilities. The Ladies of Santiago also continue the good works...

Evelyn Dunn keeps us abreast of Wellington news where members do personal jobs a plenty. From another New Zealand Branch, Auckland, comes news of the death of Fred Towns who will be greatly missed...

Doreen Barton in sending us good news of Bribie Island Branch, which increases its membership, cheers our autumn days with news of the Australian spring. She says the parrots are replete and rolling about through drinking too much nectar; for their safety she has had to lock the cats in!



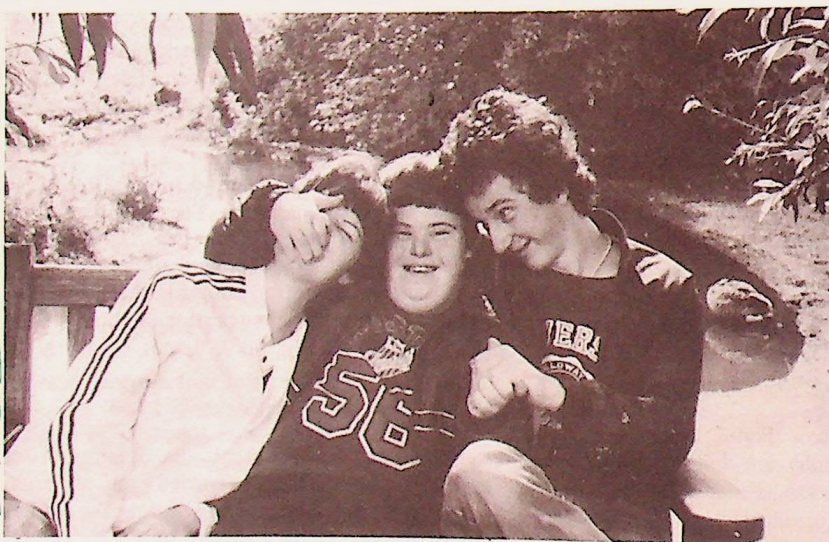
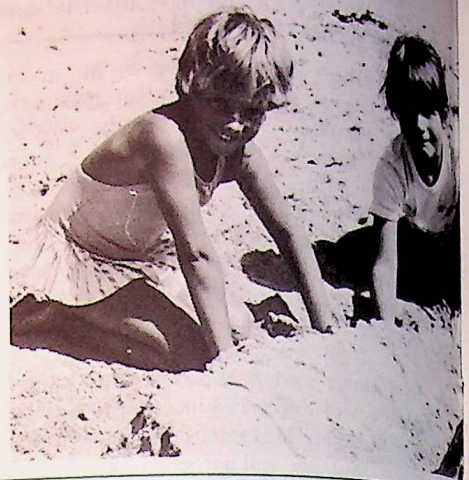
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The Seagulls, a young Toc H Group in the Southern Region, were gluttons for punishment, acting as hosts to 50 children from 5-12 years – some deprived, some handicapped – in Jersey. The weather was good, so what more could they ask?



Photos: John Dickson



In August, the Southern Region organised a week's holiday for mentally handicapped children from Southampton. Each child was paired with one volunteer – and the mixture worked perfectly, judging by those happy faces!

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The South Eastern Region, arranged entertainment and outings for residents of the Royal School for the blind in Leatherhead. Here, resident and volunteers enjoy a boat trip.



Photos: Mair Davies



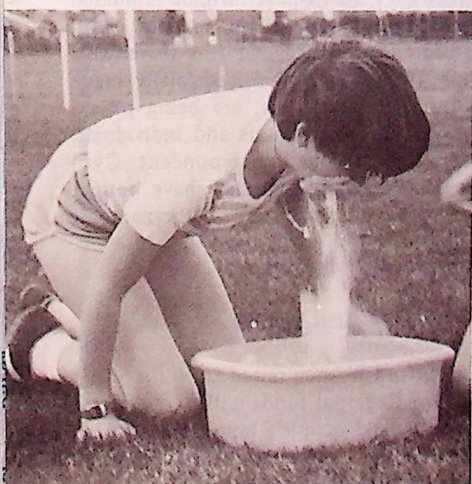
Photos: Frank Leighton



Photos: Gilbert Crewe



Sixteen girls, aged 8-10, enjoyed a holiday in Exmouth, courtesy of Toc H in the SW Region. They were from London families, many with only one parent and otherwise unable to have a holiday. Here's one of them getting wet, and another little group enjoying the sun!



A contestant of 'It's a Knockout', searching for a bean bag in a basin of flour, during 'Coastal Capers '82', two playschemes at Gt Yarmouth organised by Broads and Louthland District.

Photos: Clare Currant



It's surprising what you can do in a wheelchair - bowling or playing draughts, for example! And if you're an imaginative project volunteer, you could get dressed up as a woman, blindfold the other participants and see if they can guess who you are! Such were some of the goings on at a Cuddesdon holiday week organised jointly by the Barnet Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Toc H.



Photo: Hitchin Cornet



Children are always happy if you can let them get wet or play with water, and Hitchin playscheme's visit to the local fire station was a sure fire winner!



# Round and about with Scott Shaw

## Forget the wheelchair think of the person

Wilma Anic, formerly the Print Room Supervisor at Toc H Headquarters, has won two gold medals for archery at the Stoke Mandeville games for the disabled.

Wilma, who has been in a wheelchair for the past 13 years, explained: *'I took up archery 12 years ago when I started to work at Stoke Mandeville Hospital as a physiotherapist. Sport is an essential part of rehabilitation and it's compulsory for patients to attend sports sessions including archery, swimming, basketball and table tennis. I entered the 1971 National Games and got a silver medal for archery. I took up archery again seriously about six months ago after a break of 11 years and entered the 1982 National Games. I won the gold medal and was selected for the British Team shooting in the 30th International Games which were opened by Prince Charles six weeks later.'*

*'The British Archery Team consisted of six competitors and between us we won three individual golds, one individual bronze and three team golds. I got a gold.'*

If there's a moral to this story it is this: forget the wheelchair and think of the person; achievement is everyone's right.

## First skateboards, then rollerskates, and now . . . ?

Congratulations to Kettering Toc H who have identified a demand we didn't know existed! They recently offered a powered wheelchair for loan — and the big response made it obvious that they'll need more wheelchairs if they are to satisfy the demand they have uncovered. I'm puzzled about where the demand comes from: can't anyone in need of a wheelchair get one on the NHS, or borrow one from social services or Red Cross? Well done Kettering — tell us more about this need and how you are meeting it.

## Our roots are our Branches

Toc H isn't Headquarters. It isn't 'them up there' who do odd things at odd times. Toc H is the Branches — grass roots level, in fact. So said Adrian Dudman at a recent meeting to celebrate 50 years of Toc H in Woking (reports our correspondent Allan Hunt).

Adrian who had himself first met Toc H in Woking, said that the greatest

need of mankind today was love and Toc H was in a unique position to give love and offer friendship to everybody. A caring society was the ideal to aim for and as long as we heeded the need to care we were on the right lines. We had a most powerful weapon at our disposal and all too often we forgot to use it. That weapon was prayer and at Headquarters each morning at 10.25 the staff all gathered for family prayers. It would be possible, he said, for lots of us to remember that and join with them at that time. Adrian concluded by connecting this with the family theme and said he felt he had come home.

## Coningsby hits the target

I regularly see press cuttings from Branches which go into great detail of who took Light, who served tea, who read the log and who said homegoing prayers — yet devote only a sentence or two to the main event of the evening.

It's very refreshing, therefore, to see a cutting about a Branch that does its press releases differently — Coningsby. It reports on a very interesting speaker who . . . but no, I won't go into detail.

Suffice to say, they realise that newspaper reports are for all the readers, not just themselves and that the more interesting their reports are, the more likely they are to attract new people!

## You can't see them but don't forget them

Have you ever done anything for the people you never see? It's easy to plan a treat for the occupants of the old people's home, or children from the poor district — you can see them. But what about the 'invisible' members of your community?

They are the housebound: you hardly ever see them because they rarely, if ever, leave their homes. For most of us they might as well not exist.

But Newsome Men didn't forget. They hired two coaches specially equipped with lifts for wheelchairs, and an ordinary coach for people who can walk (some only just) and off they went on their annual 'housebound outing'. They enjoyed a fine day out, followed by tea and a concert in the evening — but that isn't all.

What about those so severely housebound that they cannot even go on the outing? They are not forgotten: helpers take tea to them in their homes.

It's a big job, of course, too big

for the Branch alone, but that's no problem. Reports our correspondent Kenneth Asquith: *'We have a wonderful band of helpers: members' wives, friends and relatives all rally round to make the day a memorable one.'*

*'As with everything else costs are rising each year but through the year we have concerts and other money raising efforts which are well supported. Our thanks to the tradespeople from whom we buy all our food: they give us top quality goods and generous discounts.'*

*'We now have to think about 1983 and plan how we are to raise even more money but we are confident that we shall raise it and in so doing help to keep the spirit of Toc H alive in the District.'*

## Questions are worth money

During the past three years Joyce Marrable and her brother Charles have been busy with their 'Marrables' 'Orribles' raising money for Toc H projects in Hatfield and for the Family Purse.

Funds were raised with a yearly quiz which also created quite a lot of amusement and brain searching around the District.

£103 was raised in 1980 — £35 to a local Toc H hospital project; in 1981 — £31 to the Pannikampatti Health Centre in India; and in 1982 — £37 to the Toc H Family Purse.

## Commemorative chair

Visitors to the Bromley Chapel in Nantwich Parish Church will be reminded of Tubby and Toc H by a special chair, dedicated to PTSC and the Movement. Only twelve such chairs, specially made by a York craftsman, are being placed by various organisations and individuals, and, reports our correspondent Cyril Carrier, Shavington Branch have bought one to have it dedicated in the name of Toc H.

## And briefly . . .

... Watford Women raised £100 for South Eastern Regional funds with their fete at the local old people's home; they are on good terms with the home, which explains why they were allowed to set up inside when the weather proved unsympathetic. . .  
... Fred Barrett recently got a Toc H plaque in recognition of 25 years as treasurer of New Addington. . .



# CHRISTMAS QUIZ 1982

This Quiz is being organised by the West Midlands and South Wales Region of Toc H, in collaboration with *Point Three*, to raise funds for the Toc H Family Purse.

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## RULES

1. The entry fee, which must accompany each entry, is 50p. Please make cheques or POs payable to 'Toc H'. All entrants will receive a full list of answers in due course, provided they enclose a stamped addressed envelope measuring at least 9" x 4".
2. The closing date for entries is Monday, 14 February 1983.
3. All entries, accompanied by the 50p entrance fee, must be sent or delivered to:  
John Mitchell, Kyrle House, Edde Cross Street, Ross-on-Wye HR9 7BZ on or before the closing date.
4. All answers must be written on the official Quiz form itself, in ink or typed.
5. All entries will be marked and judged by Staff or Honorary Officers of the W Midlands and S Wales Region. The names of the winners will be published in *Point Three* in June. Winners will be notified direct.
6. Prizes will be awarded to the four best entries in order of merit, as follows:  
1st — £25;      2nd — £15;      3rd — £10;      4th — £5.  
In the event of a tie or ties, the prize will be awarded to the first entry opened.
7. This Quiz has been set by three members of the West Midlands and South Wales Regional Council, and they and members of their immediate family are not eligible to compete.
8. The decision of the judging panel is absolute, and, regrettably, no correspondence will be entered into concerning the result or the answers.
9. Please complete entry form on page 10.



1. In which year did King John sign Magna Carta? .....
2. Which Australian Prime Minister was drowned during the 1960s? .....
3. Where is the Royal Shakespeare Company's new home? .....
4. Who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977? .....
5. How much is a Quintal? .....
6. What did Herman Dreser invent in 1889? .....
7. In the Old Testament, who retrieved an axe-head from the water without getting wet? .....
8. Which fictional character said 'To be or not to be'? .....
9. When was the Battle of Cambrai? .....
10. Where is the world's largest art gallery? .....
11. What 'first' did Margaret Bondfield achieve in 1929? .....
12. In which year was Joan of Arc burned at the stake? .....
13. According to population, which is the biggest city: Djakarta, Delhi or Chicago? .....
14. Which has more calories per ounce: raw liver, cottage cheese, dried dates or boiled spaghetti? .....
15. The Cinema:
  - a. For his part in which film did Dustin Hoffman receive an Oscar in 1979? .....
  - b. For her part in which film did Liza Minelli receive an Oscar in 1972? .....
  - c. Who received an Oscar in 1939 for his part in 'Goodbye Mr Chips'? .....
  - d. Who received an Oscar in 1939 for her part in 'Gone with the Wind'? .....
  - e. Who received an Oscar for 'best Director' in 1966 for his film 'A Man for all Seasons'? .....
16. 'In the sweat of thy ..... shalt thou eat bread'. What is the missing word? .....
17. What position does Sir Dawda K Jawara hold? .....
18. Which British medal ribbon may carry the numeral 1 or 8? .....
19. Of which College at which University was T E Lawrence a Fellow? .....
20. Which is the longest of all symphonies and how long is it? .....
21. In what battle did Hougomont and La Haye Sainte figure? .....
22. Who did Silvia Renate Sommerlath marry in 1976? .....
23. In the United Nations Organisation, what do the following initials stand for?
  - a. IMF .....
  - b. GATT .....
  - c. UPU .....
  - d. WMO .....
  - e. IMCO .....

24. Which is the largest: Winnipeg, Titcaca or ? .....
25. Which fictional character said 'Not bloody' .....
26. In Roman mythology, what were the equivalent characters in Greek mythology?
  - a. Jupiter .....
  - c. Diana .....
  - e. Vulcan .....
27. What are Kochel numbers? .....
28. Which King instituted the Duchy of Cornwall? .....
29. What colour is the medal ribbon of the Victoria Cross? .....
30. Who died suddenly on 30 March 1979? .....
31. What was the name of the first manpowered aircraft to cross the English Channel? .....
32. In what town in S Wales is the Royal Mint? .....
33. Which fictional character said 'It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done' .....
34. In which year did Rudolph Hess land in Britain? .....
35. Who wrote 'We can only know a little of what we know this well? .....
36. Which is the deepest: (a) Abisso Michele G. (c) Kievskaya? .....
37. Which city was the subject of many of Canaletto's works? .....
38. Which fictional character said: 'I do like a little bit of butter to my bread'? .....
39. Where would you go to see the Log Book of HMS Victory at Trafalgar? .....
40. The Prices and Incomes Board was set up in 1965. Who was its first Chairman? .....
41. In which year was Henry VIII excommunicated? .....
42. Which battleship was the star of a 1925 Royal Navy film? .....
43. Which black man helped Jesus do what? .....
44. What and where is the largest oil painting in the world? .....
45. What is Ligistrum commonly called? .....
46. Who touched Divine property and was struck blind? .....
47. 'Quant je puis' is the motto of which Public House? .....
48. In which year was Keir Hardie elected to Parliament? .....
49. What was the speciality of the Theatre de la Ville? .....
50. Which Embassies are at:
  - a. 14 Three Kings Yard, Davies Street, London W1? .....
  - b. 10 Reeves Mews, London W1? .....
  - c. 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8? .....



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- d. Uranus . . . . .
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- Russian Film? . . . . .
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- ublic School? . . . . .
- o Parliament? . . . . .
- de Grand Guignol? . . . . .
- ndon W1? . . . . .
- W8? . . . . .
51. What is Lord Harlech's name? . . . . .
52. Which fictional character said: 'If everybody minded their own business, the world would go round a deal faster than it does'? . . . . .
53. In which countries do:
- a. 100 new agorot = 1 shekel? . . . . .
- b. 100 cents = 1 rand? . . . . .
- c. 100 centimes = 1 peseta? . . . . .
- d. 100 bani = 1 leu? . . . . .
- e. 100 seniti = 1 pa'anga? . . . . .
- f. And in which country was currency money abolished in 1978? . . . . .
54. When was Glyndebourne founded and by whom? . . . . .
55. Who invented the stethoscope? . . . . .
56. What did Lewis E Waterman invent in 1884? . . . . .
57. In which year did Edward I first set foot in England as King? . . . . .
58. Which fictional character said: 'Time for a little something'? . . . . .
59. How much did it cost to send an ordinary first class letter in 1973? . . . . .
60. Which Treaty in 1856 ended the Crimean War? . . . . .
61. What was the name of the 1969 White Paper about the Reform of Trade Unions? . . . . .
62. When, in the Bible, is ear piercing recommended and for whom? . . . . .
63. And who, in the Bible, fell right out of a window? . . . . .
64. In which country is Table Mountain alongside Pen Cerrig? . . . . .
65. Which fictional character said 'All the world's a stage'? . . . . .
66. Is Cissus Antarctica (a) a mineral? (b) a plant? (c) an insect? (d) a penguin? . . . . .
67. Who is Slad's famous son? . . . . .
68. Which famous painting by Goya was stolen from the National Gallery in 1961 and recovered in 1965? . . . . .
69. Where does the main income of the Meteorological Office come from? . . . . .
70. How much did St Paul's Cathedral cost to build between 1675 and 1710? . . . . .  
(a) £747,600 (b) £423,930 (c) £1,144,300 (d) £920,040 . . . . .
71. What did Dr Wallace H Carothers invent? . . . . .
72. Which three towns would one associate with Conrad Marshall, John Fisher Swan MVO. PHD, David Hubert Boothby Chesshyre FSA and Theobald David Matthew? . . . . .
73. Which is the largest: (a) The Taklamakan, (b) The Namib (c) The That? . . . . .
74. What did Leo H Backaland invent in 1907? . . . . .



75. Which fictional character said: 'When you part from your friend, you grieve not, for that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence'?



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76. In 1967 a Liberian Oil Tanker went aground near Lands End. What was its name?

77. Which poet died in 1770 at the age of 18?

78. Who led the Biafrans in the Nigerian Civil War?

79. Which section of the population could never be awarded the Royal Red Cross?

80. Who invented the thermometer?

81. Where did the Great Train Robbery take place (in the 1960s)?

82. Which fictional character said 'Let the jungle listen to the things I have done'?

83. In which year did Princess Margaret marry?

84. What does ISBN stand for?

85. Which two books in the Bible tell of incidents when makeshift 'lifts' were used?

86. What have Temminck, Geoffrey and Pallas in common

87. All buses licensed to drive on British roads have passed a 'tilt test'. How many degrees from the vertical must such a bus tilt without falling over?

88. The last Alvis car to be produced was the TF 21. In which year was it made?

89. What is the name of the narrow lagoon like channel separating Chesil from the coastline proper?

90. In the Bible 'None went out and none went in' — of where?

91. Where did the 1964 Conservative Party Conference take place?

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Entrant's name.....

Toc H Branch (if any) .....

Address (in capital letters please) .....



# We will Remember...

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

## In July

Evan W Davies OBE (Conway District)

## In August

Herbert E Allen (Colwyn Bay)

Rupert B Amos (Margate)

Margaret Moody (Clacton-on-Sea)

## In September

A M 'Betty' Bakewell (Deeside)

H Maurice Hill (Chard)

\* John B MacMillan (Colwyn Bay)

Florence Matts (Anstey)

\* We plan to carry a full appreciation of the life and work of Johnnie in a later issue. — Editor

I write of Len Scarfe with affection and appreciation of all he gave of himself to Toc H for well over half a century before, during and after the war.

I worked with Len for many years on the staff of Toc H when he was Warden of Gladstone House, Liverpool, which House he ran with efficiency and humour so ably assisted by his wife Ethel. His welcoming spirit was known throughout the North West because of his deep interest and participation in Toc H activities far beyond Gladstone House.

Len's life in Toc H reads like an adventure story. He joined Toc H in 1927 and was Secretary in East London where he worked with John Callf in 1943. He went to India with the Royal Artillery. At the beginning of 1944 he spent his month's leave from Calcutta Area with John Tatum who had just opened a Toc H camp on the Burma Front for troops to spend a week's leave. Soon after, Toc H applied to the War Office for Len's release from the Army and he then ran a similar camp on the Burma Fund — he was on the Toc H staff from 1944-47.

After the war Len returned to his work as a printer and he and Ethel went to live in Chalfont St Giles, Bucks. During his time there, Len was instrumental with others in starting a mixed Branch of Toc H in the Chalfont Epileptic Colony. He and Ethel continued their interest in the Branch long after they left Chalfont, revisiting it regularly.

In 1964 Len rejoined the staff and became Warden of Gladstone House, Liverpool where he and Ethel stayed until 1970. Gladstone House held a special place in the hearts of Toc H on Merseyside and the North West. A lunch club was started by Len's Ethel and it is a tribute to them that it is still held

regularly although now at St Nicholas' Liverpool Parish Church.

In 1970 Len left Gladstone House and after almost a year at Mark 20, Putney he and Ethel retired to Freckleton, near Preston. Ever active in Toc H, Len did much for Toc H in the Fylde District as well as working until he was 65 as an Orderly in a Geriatric Ward in St Joseph's Hospital, Preston.

Four years ago his great energy was halted by the onset of Parkinson's Disease. Over the years Len suffered and deteriorated and was nursed with devotion and indomitable courage by Ethel until his death on 16 August 1982.

For those of us who knew and admired Len — and there were many — his bright spirit will live on in our hearts and we remember with affection his devotion to the Movement he loved and his humour and wit which enlivened any company in which he found himself.

For the life and work of Len Scarfe we give thanks indeed.

PW

Note: We shall carry in a future issue a special appreciation of the work in the NW of H L Hughes and Len Scarfe.

— Editor

Rupert Bayman ('Jack') Amos died in Canterbury in August at the age of 84. Jack had been a Margate member since 1936. Before his memory began to fail in recent years, he had held Branch offices and had often regaled his friends with stories of his adventures in China when he was a seaman in the 1920s and 1930s. Until a few years ago, Jack regularly travelled around Thanet on his bicycle selling soap made by the blind to help their funds. Members of his Branch were with him shortly before his death — and were present at his funeral in Margate's Parish Church. The two Margate Branches made special remembrance of Jack during the Ceremony of Light.

CP

E W (Evan) Davies, a founder member of Llandudno Men's Branch, died in July. Evan had also been a member of Wrexham Branch for some years. Right to the end, he kept a keen interest in the activities of Toc H in the Conwy District. When no longer able to take an active part in Branch life, Evan continued to support the Movement in every way he could and, as far as he was able, shared in District functions.

RVP

Frank Neville Meadows, who died in May, first joined Toc H at Green Street Green in 1933 and was later a member of Bexley and Woodford Branches. Though incapacitated by arthritis in recent years, Neville remained a very loyal member who shared in all the Toc H activities he could. He was a personal friend of Tubby Clayton. His widow writes: *'Neville always held very highly his fourfold Toc H commitment. It made so much difference to him through his whole life and to me he was a wonderful partner...'*

Acton Branch and the members of Acton Toc H Blind Social Club will greatly miss the Club's Treasurer, Peggy Cole, who died on 8 August. For many years she helped regularly at the fortnightly meetings of the Club and also organised the half yearly jumble sales which financed it: she was known among Toc H members as 'The Jumble Queen'.

MEE

'Crediton Women's Branch lost a dearly loved member when Mrs Gladys Roberts died in July. Gladys had been a very loyal member for 40 years, working enthusiastically with the Branch. Although she was in poor health in recent years, she endeavoured to attend meetings whenever possible and retained a keen interest in our Branch and its members. Besides Toc H members, other people in the town will miss Gladys: she was a good friend to many.'

MRC

'Margaret Moody of Clacton died in August. Margaret loved Toc H dearly and strove to live by the Christian standards set out in the Four Points. She met Toc H during the last war and in 1946 became a founder member of the re-launched Friday Ladies' Branch. She worked hard from that time to build up and maintain the Branch's strength. She held all Branch executive posts in turn and had served as District Secretary and District Chairman. With her husband Margaret took a very active interest in her local community. Her special interests covered the local handicapped, League of Friends and the town's Carnival Committee. Margaret was dedicated to her family and a loyal friend to many: she will be sadly missed.'

VMB

We give thanks for their lives





Project 12 in the N Wales and NW Region, was described as 'A tented camp. . . to give 15 deprived children, aged between 10 and 13, the opportunity to participate in an Outward Bound type of holiday. . .'. Here, volunteer Antony Johansen tells the story:

*'From the start it was necessary to keep them busy for two reasons. First, it meant that they would go to sleep at night through sheer exhaustion, and second it kept their devious little minds from dreaming up crimes to perpetrate on us. We rock climbed - they went up like monkeys - I fell off! We pony trekked, and our co-leader fell off! We climbed up mountains, lost some of them, found them, then lost some of the volunteers. We took them swimming and were ducked, we played strenuous games and carried them home exhausted, we went pot-holing and bumped our head in passages where they had headroom to spare, we were trodden on, fallen over and kept awake at night. We went to an Army training camp and carried them over the assault course; they shot our shooting instructor in the thumb! We tore around the village on a treasure hunt, we took them camping in the mountains, we sat through hailstorms of food at mealtimes, we made lunches for them and usually carried them around all day, uneaten and unwanted; we even gave them prizes for being so good, and then to cap it all, I had to accompany them on the coach back to Cardiff - seven hours - and they sang all the way!'*

*The Project was marvellous fun and a great education for volunteers and children alike. On the first day I was counting the hours until the end, but by the end of the week I was ready to start another week or two.*

# Open Forum

## Peace and Disarmament

I was surprised to read the contribution of L C Duncan to *Open Forum* in September's *Point Three*, in reply to my 'Personal View' in the July issue. His negative - one might almost say nihilistic - comments would suggest that he had barely glanced at the article before rushing into print. I did not advocate disarmament as the objective, but peace and security, and the rule of law. Given these essentials, disarmament would follow as a natural and desirable by-product. The recent failure of the Second Special Session on Disarmament disclosed, all too clearly, that disarmament cannot be attained in isolation.

Maybe the refined ideas of the internationally acclaimed statesmen of the 1930s still have their imperfections. If so, let us think about them, and do something about it while there is yet time. Perhaps this is a function peculiarly suited to Toc H, with its rather special background and personnel!

I recall that the war which gave birth to Toc H was presented to the youth of the 'free' world as 'the war to end war', and millions of young men - many of them in their teens - died believing they were fighting a crusade, fighting for a better world, free of envy, greed, fear and hate. Let us remember

'the cry of the dying soldier':

*'To you with failing hands, we throw  
The torch; 'tis yours, so hold it high.  
If you break faith with those who die,  
We shall not rest, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields.'*

Cecil A E Baylis  
Cheltenham

## Helping the Third World

I was disappointed that you didn't mention (Personal View, August issue) Toc H amongst your agencies that you could trust - only Christian Aid, CAFOD, Tools for the Third World etc. Surely Toc H being international is very close to the people and knows the problems in their areas, ie India, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Jamaica, Lesotho and South America. To get to the root of the problem as a Toc H job, surely you should contact each National Chairman in these countries who would willingly and easily tell of people calling out for help and then HQ could decide the most needy.

We in Northern Area Zimbabwe are assisting Elim Mission Station, built in a very backward area of the country. They are hoping to rebuild their hospital and help the local people. Having only about 50 members in this Area, we help in a small way with blankets, wrappers,

## Please Note Talbot House, Poperinge

Please note that the accommodation charges have been increased with effect from 1 January 1983:

330 Belgian francs (approx £4) per night for stays of one or two nights

280 Belgian francs (approx £3.30) per night for stays of three nights or more.

Because of the weakening of the Belgian franc (now around 85 to £1) receipts in the house have reduced the contribution towards the sterling expenditure of Talbot House borne by Toc H. It is felt that this modest 10% rise would help a little, yet not deter members from journeying to Poperinge.

## Welcome

The following Branches elected new members during August/September.

- 4 - Glenrothes (J)
- 1 - Cosby (M), Louth (M), Medway & Sheppey District, North Bucks with Oxford District, St Annes (J)

A warm welcome to 9 new members.

## Thank You

Mollie MacMillan and her family wish to thank all Toc H members and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and support during Johnnie's illness and his parting from us.

We cannot answer personally all the wonderful letters we have received, but we thank you all for them. Also we give thanks for the prayers offered for us, during this difficult time.



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matinee coats for the premature infants, nighties for the mothers and school books for the children. Should Toc H UK like to assist, the hospital would be in use much quicker.

Other countries would also tell of jobs that are never ending, so why not ask your members who wish to help to contact you at HQ for addresses of Toc H in the Third World?

We have just had a most successful Area Job. Last Saturday, we all combined to entertain 60 lonely elderlies living in single rooms to a Toc H evening of goodies, film of the Royal Wedding (they had not seen it) followed by a performance of all the old songs sung by two talented local singers who give of their time so willingly.

So Toc H is well and truly alive in Zimbabwe and would welcome assistance from abroad for their many worthwhile jobs amongst folk of all colours.

**Thelma Bryan**  
Harare, Zimbabwe

Note: Please write to tell me what you think of Thelma's suggestion. — Editor

## Colsterdale

Toc H is about caring for people, yes, and doing lots of other things too. However the Sunderland Branch has found that it is easy to get into a rut, so we all packed our bags and went off to the Toc H centre in Colsterdale, Yorkshire.

What a great time was had by all our eight members! We found a great welcome in the Warden — Ron Gash. The centre was very clean, and the view of the moors takes your breath away, along with the wild life, particularly the rabbits. One can see the greatness of our Father God in this wide, open countryside.

The centre itself 'smells' of Toc H and it gives one the feeling that friendship and understanding among members is present in every way. One is able to appreciate what other members have, and are doing for Toc H and for the world at large. One is able to come away with a new challenge involving the Toc H work.

May we at Sunderland say to all the readers of *Point Three*: go to Colsterdale and find joy and peace, and with this you can return filled and ready for the work which is waiting for you in the name of Toc H.

Thanks to Ron and the Colsterdale committee for the great time we all had.

**E Frankland**  
Sunderland

## Going to the doctor

Being in a position to know to what extent rural bus services are 'axed' due to reduced demand, and also hearing how much less willing GPs are to make late night or 'after hours' visits, I am wondering if it would be a good idea for Toc H to collate information on this subject with a view to assessing what need there may be for help on the subject, both to doctors and patients.

In certain Sussex villages known to me, there is officially no access by transport to the nearest doctor or pharmacist, unless perhaps by a long walk in the rain.

While it may superficially appear that everybody has a car these days, there are in fact many who could never afford such a luxury, or perhaps not be able to drive it if they could.

While I do know of good natured voluntary systems by which lifts to the nearest doctor will be given, I wonder if there is some case for co-ordinating this sort of thing. Let me conclude by an assurance that I stand neither to lose nor gain on the matter, as my GP is just four minutes walk from here, and the chemists one minute nearer!

**W G Ruffle**  
London

## 'Yesterday, today or tomorrow'

Reading Steve Walker's article in July's *Point Three* reminded me of a book I have seen reviewed recently. It is *'The Cosmic Serpent'* by Victor Clube and Bill Napier, two highly reputable young astronomers from Edinburgh University. (Published Faber at £12.50). They have come up with a startling theory of a natural hazard every bit as serious as nuclear war. Apparently the last impact of a comet — fortunately in remote Siberia — was on 30 June 1908, with a calculated explosion range of 40 to 100 megatons. When we are comparing 'bangs', I'm sure it's right to compare them all.

**Nevil Peatfield**  
Birmingham

## The Old House

I think that I may be one of the few who, in 1916, was a beneficiary of Talbot House in Poperinge. I was en route, on leave, from Hooze to England, and I remember well trudging along the Menin Road, eventually reaching Poperinge at about 1 am on a December morning,

cold, footsore and hungry. A colleague and I were accosted by a Military Policeman in Poperinge, properly curious about a couple of dirty soldiers wandering about at that time, but when satisfied of our credentials he directed us to a house, which I subsequently identified as Talbot House. There we had some refreshment and a bed down for the night preparatory to boarding the train for Boulogne later that morning, and I have never forgotten how pleased we were to enjoy the hospitality of Toc H that night. It was a sad sequel that the soldier with me on that occasion was killed on his return to the line soon afterwards. *C'était la guerre!*

You will understand that I have very nostalgic memories of the Ypres area, and Poperinge, and the hospitality I received from the local people, particularly during my subsequent peace time visits . . .

**P G Hayward**  
Ayrshire



Welcomed by Exeter Branch Chairman, Tom Vine, over 100 members gathered at Exeter to say farewell to Revd Keith Beck, Trevor Sizer and their wives, Irene and Pat. Keith has left Toc H to take up an appointment in one of Methodism's leading Churches at Sutton Coldfield and Trevor has returned to his native Norfolk to continue his service in the Movement.

Making the presentations, the Regional Chairman, Peters Danmers, reminded us of the work done by both during their stay with us and said that the size of the cheques he was presenting was a measure of the respect in which both were held throughout the Region. As a lasting memento Keith was given an inscribed print of a GWR engine (for railway buffs, it was 6022), the print being too aptly entitled 'Preparing for Departure'. Trevor also received an inscribed print of a scene on the river Dart to remind him of his sojourn in the West Country.



# What's happening in HEMEL?

Don't just do it yourself – involve others! Hemel Hempstead Men's Branch did just that when they organised a Jimmy Savile/Toc H mini-handi dance for local youngsters. Help, transport, refreshments, music and financial support came in generous measure from local people including the Women's Branch, British Red Cross and St John Ambulance Brigade, Rotary, Round Table, the local district council community trust and Eastern Gas sports and social club. At a time like this, you know who your friends are: Hemel Toc H found 50 of them!



When you're disabled, you're always looking up to someone

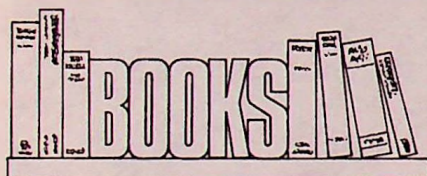


Anyone can play darts!



There's always a cake to cut!

Photos: Scott Shaw



## Christian Community and Cultural Diversity

by Barbara Holden and Eric Rolls

(Number Two in the New Christian Initiatives Series)

This brief survey records the response being made by some Christian Communities to the needs of the multi-cultural society in which we all live. They include traditional religious communities who have re-thought their roles, Christian churches determined to do something to meet a local need in co-operation with others, and ordinary people who just saw the need for friendship.

In his introduction, Kenneth Cracknell sets the British scene in the world wide context of multi-faith dialogue which has largely superseded the old confrontation. The need to understand the religious and cultural background of those with whom we share the spiritual journey has been recognised by all the major Christian Church. The Roman Catholic statement arising from

Vatican II said, 'Let Christians, while witnessing to their own faith and way of life, acknowledge, preserve and encourage the spiritual and moral truths found among non-Christians, also their social life and culture.' The World Council of Churches, expressing its commitment to the importance of dialogue, said, 'To enter into dialogue requires an opening of the mind to others. It is an undertaking which requires risk as well as a deep sense of vocation. It is impossible without sensitivity to the richly varied life of human kind. This opening, this risk, this vocation, this sensitivity are at the heart of the ecumenical movement and in the deepest currents of the life of the churches.'

The British Council of Churches in its guidance to member churches set out four principles of dialogue:

1. Dialogue begins when people meet each other.
2. Dialogue depends upon mutual understanding and trust.
3. Dialogue makes it possible to share in service to the community.
4. Dialogue becomes the medium of authentic witness.

The work reported in this survey corresponds to those principles. It ranges from person to person friendship and advice, to the use of a community house as a centre for neighbourhood activities. But whatever the work undertaken, in all

cases it involves working across racial, cultural or religious boundaries. Here are some examples.

The Anglican Society of St Francis community in East London includes Brother 'J' who gives legal advice at an ethnic minority advice centre located at a Buddhist Vihara, where he is on good terms with the resident monks. Sister 'L' meets the need for a Bengali speaking doctor. The Roman Catholic Canonesses of St Augustine at their Walthamstow house include a sister who, through her work as organiser for a Social Responsibility Council, is involved in many issues of social justice in an area where there had been a number of racial attacks and murders. She works closely with the female pastor of a local black led church in creating a Zebra Project core group. Another sister teaches English as a second language, is much involved with her (mainly Asian) students, and is working directly with those of other faiths. The Zebra Project began at the Bow Methodist Mission and aims to bring together black led, white led and multi-racial congregations and individual Christians 'to raise awareness, establish contact and encourage co-operation'. The project has two full time staff, both black women, one from a Pentecostal church and the other a Church Army Officer, and one part time member of staff who is a white male Methodist

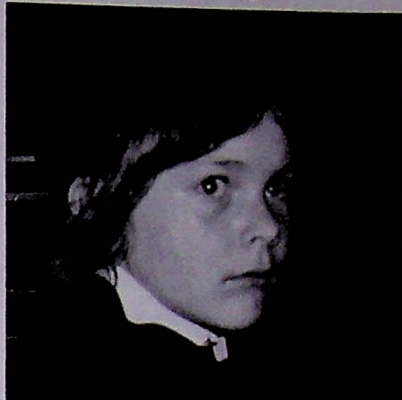




Two sisters, one disabled



Who needs feet for dancing?



A young helper



They've eaten already, but always room for sweets

minister. The researcher commented, 'The white led churches have a major responsibility to face racism both in their structures and in society in general. Multi-racial congregations face the task of establishing authentic rather than superficial partnerships. The black led churches need to continue growing together whilst finding ways of co-operating with white churches on their own terms. Finally, all Christians have to join with people of good will in working for a just society and a just world.'

The Glebe Centre arose from a far sighted decision of a United Reformed Church congregation in Walsall to dismantle their large church building and to create a community centre with space for worship, but offering facilities for day to day activity. On an average day about 120 people are engaged in the various projects. The Wolverhampton Inter-faith group began in 1974 by people of the different religious traditions being convinced that they should get to know each other better. So they began a door knocking campaign and a nucleus of 20-30 people found themselves 'embarking on friendship together'. Their developing friendship stimulated an interest in each other's cultures and traditions, and so the activities of the group grew. They meet together about ten times a year, sometimes for a whole day, and have discussed such subjects as,

*Symbols in Worship, the Consecrated Life, Multi-faith Education in Schools and Inter-faith Dialogue.*

There is the Ammerdown Community with a Methodist Director, five sisters of Our Lady of Sion Order and members of various traditions, and with a Jewish rabbi on the governing body. Retreats and a wide range of courses are offered, as well as projects to encourage small industries and rural housing for single persons. At Pilsdon in Dorset is a Little Gidding type community centred round two families but open to all.

These are just samples of urban and rural communities covering a wide range of activities. There is much here to inspire and encourage us in Toc H. If you summarise the four principles set out by the British Council of Churches you will see why: 1. Friendship, 2. Fair thinking; 3. Service; 4. Witness to our beliefs. Many of the groups have discovered the same insights which have inspired us. Praise be to God. To those Toc H members who are genuinely seeking a way to express those insights in a bewilderingly complex society, I commend this book. For the rest, it would be best not to read it. It might be too disturbing.

Tom Gulliver

This book is available from: NACCCAN,

Westhill College, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6LL (price £1.50).

## Comfort and Joy

by John Kelly

This is an anthology of short talks by John Kelly, a lay reader for 25 years and Information Officer for the Peterborough Diocese since 1956.

The 20 themes show day-to-day situations in a fresh, hopeful way. There is great strength to be drawn from these pages, and Mr Kelly's obvious love for his fellow men shines through with humour and optimism and brings us down to earth, at the same time gently offering good advice on how to lead a better life practising Christian faith through personal relationships and private behaviour. Talks entitled 'Count your blessings', 'Help us not to fuss' and 'A smile can help' are among the well written, thought provoking articles.

Anyone in the grip of loneliness, depression or bereavement will surely find not only Comfort and Joy but practical help in this uplifting booklet, which is written in a homely, easy manner.

Published by John Kelly, 52 Ridgeway, Weston Favell, Northampton NN3 3AR at 75p (including postage).  
Eileen Clark



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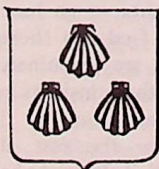
## THE DUTIES OF A PILOT

(Extract from a talk by Len Forrer, reprinted in Toc H Journal, November 1932)

... In a Branch recently it was decided to abolish the office of permanent Chairman except for business meetings, and substitute some other member to take charge of the other meetings. In a discussion over the name to give him, 'Leader' was recommended. The Branch then immediately wanted to know what his functions were to be and the answer — short, sharp and effective — was 'to lead'. My answer to the query: 'What are the functions of a Pilot?' is 'to push'. And I am not thinking of passengers landing from a cross-Channel steamer, or of the first day of a bargain sale. Rather I would take you to a spot outside Liege in Belgium on one of the fine international trains hauled by a powerful engine. At this point there is a long, steep gradient for several miles, and I have often watched an engine come along at the back of the train. You know the kind, anything but beautiful, square, and stocky, built for comfort rather than speed; but there it comes and pushes and pushes for all it is worth, and you can hear it above all other noises effectively pushing the train uphill. That is the job of the Pilot; not the showy leader, nor the brilliant organiser, nor the dexterous financier, but the shover in the background who sees to it that the unit goes constantly uphill rather than down, and who pushes at the right time. The natural leader of the unit may start most effectively, but inevitably the unit will start slipping back, if you, Pilot, are not there to push, to prevent this stopping, and getting sleepy, and wasting time. Push all the time, at the Executive, at the meetings — but push from the back, remembering that it is uphill work, but that in the end we shall reach the mountain top. Here's a job tackled half-heartedly — one push and you'll find their hearts will function properly; here's a proposal which might harm the unit — one more push and something better comes to light; here's a member getting slack — a small push in the right direction and he starts pulling again. Stay in the background — and, for God's sake, push. . .

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